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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG APER FAO

SUBJECT: CHIEF OF FAO INVESTMENT CENTER

REF: ROME 12547

1. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF FERNANDO AS HEAD OF FAO INVESTMENT CENTER COMES AS GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT FOR SAOUMA TO KNOW THAT APPOINTMENT OF NON-AMERICAN HAS CAUSED AND WILL CAUSE U.S. GOVT. EMBARRASSMENT. THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE MATTER UP WITH SAOUMA OR ONE OF HIS TOP STAFF PEOPLE ALONG LINES OUTLINED PARA 2 BELOW.

2. APPROACH SHOULD BE LOW-KEY AND DEMEANOR SHOULD BE ONE OF DISAPPOINTMENT RATHER THAN ANGER. POINTS TO BE MADE ARE THAT WE THOUGHT US AND FAO HAD WORKED OUT AN ARRANGEMENT  
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SATISFACTORY TO ALL PARTIES TO RESOLVE THE IMPASSE ON THE NEW WFP EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP. PART OF THE UNDERSTANDING - WE THOUGHT - WAS THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AMERICAN TO THE POST OF CHIEF OF THE INVESTMENT CENTER. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WERE RECRUITING CANDIDATES THAT HE MIGHT INTERVIEW DURING HIS VISIT IN OCTOBER. THE APPOINTMENT OF A NON-AMERICAN

HAS CAUSED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EMBARRASSMENT AND WILL  
MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO OUR CRITICS IN CONGRESS AND  
ELSEWHERE THE BASIS FOR THE USG SUPPORT OF A CANADIAN FOR  
WFP DIRECTORSHIP. WE KNOW SAOUMA HAS AUTHORITY TO APPOINT  
WHOM HE WISHES AND WE RESPECT HIS DECISION. NONETHELESS  
WE ARE SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED. VANCE

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